



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR
Date	April 3, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 2 to 8:00 AM April 3, 2022
Report Number	17

Regions Affected

TDEM Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	1, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 19 & 20

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) received two new requests for assistance with fire suppression operations on Saturday, April 2. There are currently 151 Texas counties out of 254 with a Burn Ban in effect. Elevated fire weather conditions are forecasted for much of the Texas Panhandle today.

On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 29, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to remain vigilant and informed on weather conditions as fire danger and severe weather threaten the state. Significant portions of the western half of Texas are facing extreme fire weather conditions today and tomorrow due to high wind gusts, dry fuels, and low humidity. Primary areas of concern today for fires are the Panhandle, South Plains, and West Texas, with the risk shifting to much of the southern half of the state tomorrow. ([Complete Statement Here](#))

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

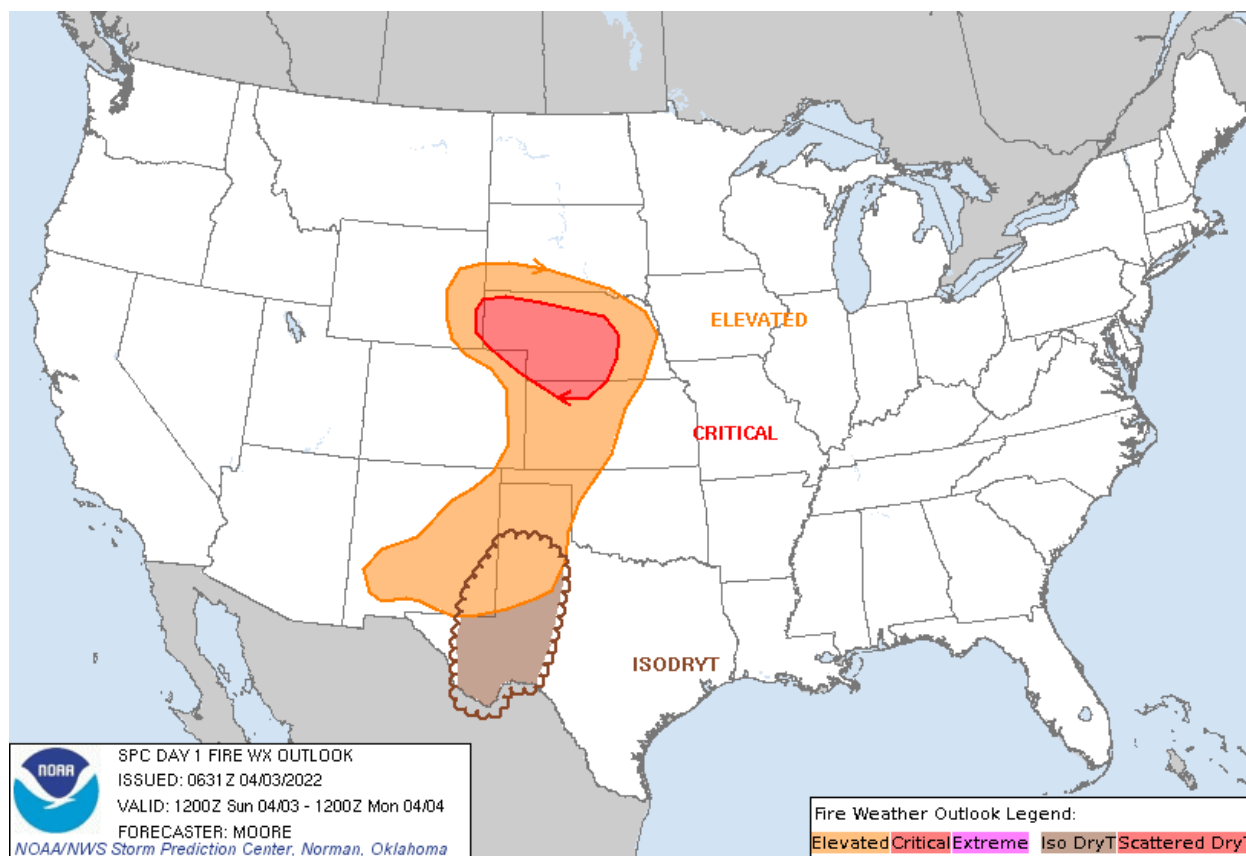
On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state this week. In addition, the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) is increasing readiness to Level II: Escalated Response for Critical Fire Weather Conditions. Representatives from key state agencies belonging to the Emergency Management Council reported to the SOC on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 AM CT to assist in the state's response to fire weather conditions.

On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions this week. The National Weather Service warns high winds and low relative humidity has created heightened risk for wildfires in the western half of the state.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources
Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>

WEATHER:

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 6AM 4/3 to 6AM 4/4.



Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: Fire weather concerns are expected from the central Plains to the southern High Plains this afternoon. Fire weather concerns will increase behind this surface boundary, as well as across parts of the southern High Plains where dry thunderstorms are probable.

Southern High Plains

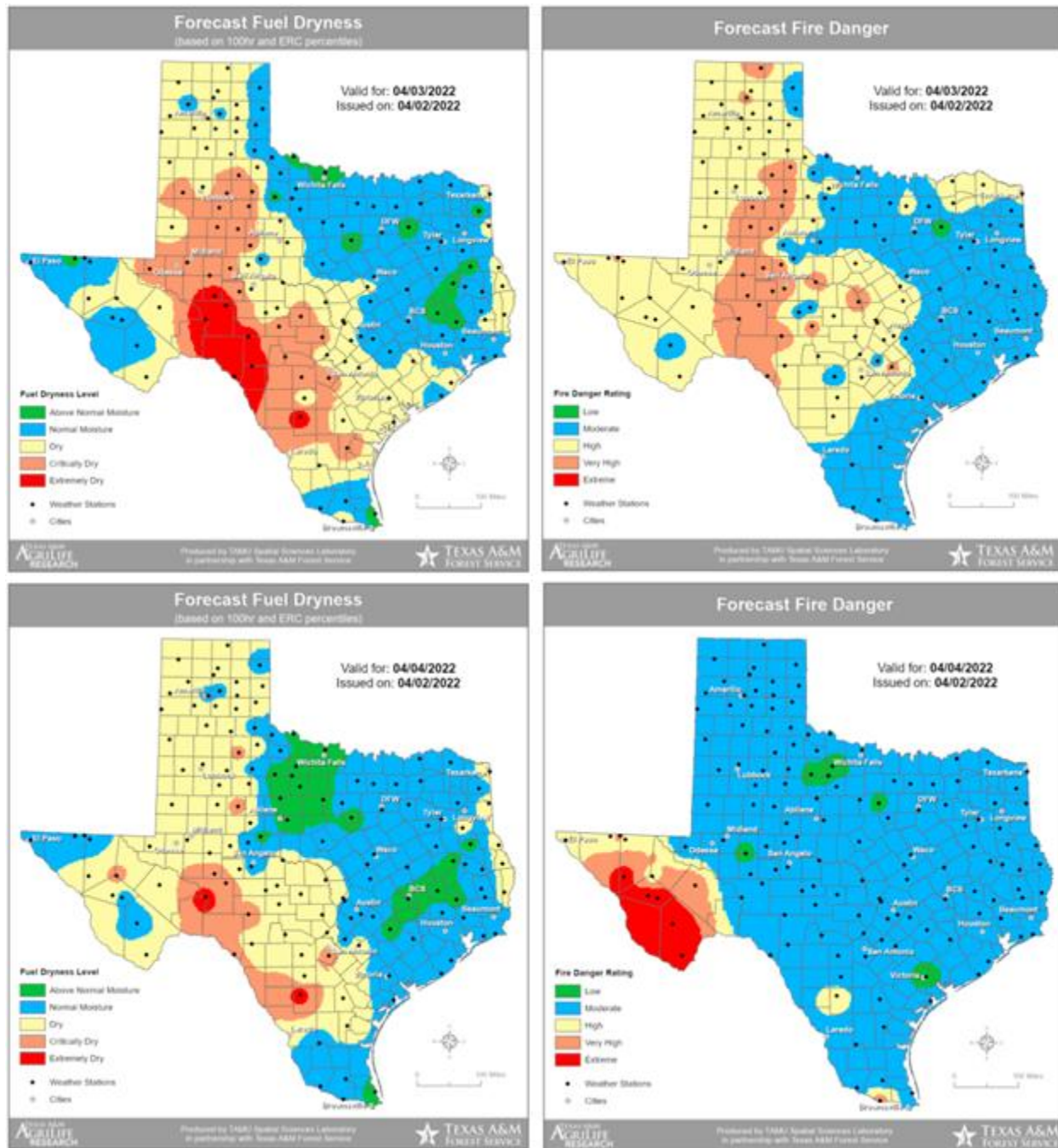
Weak zonal flow and gradual height falls aloft will support weak lee cyclogenesis this afternoon across east NM and west TX. Southwesterly winds are forecast to increase to 10-20 mph in response to the surface pressure falls. Trajectories emanating from northern Mexico will maintain depressed dewpoints across the region with afternoon RH values in the teens. Elevated fire weather conditions are expected and will be most pronounced in the immediate lee of terrain features.

Dry Thunderstorms

The observed 00Z sounding from MAF reveals a dry boundary layer under steep lapse rates. The combination of gradual cooling aloft with a modest influx of low-level moisture will support 100-500 J/kg MUCAPE atop a dry, well-mixed boundary layer by late afternoon. The inverted-V soundings, coupled with PWAT values between 0.5-0.6 inches, will support the potential for dry lightning strikes as well as severe downburst winds with any thunderstorm that develops along the diffuse

dryline this afternoon. See the latest Day 1 convective outlook for more details regarding the severe potential.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4 Garland, 4 Hurst, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties).

DDC 4A Hurst raised their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

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DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 Tyler increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Region 2: (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D)

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Orange)

Orange County: [Orange 1746](#): 31 acres – 100% contained.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties)

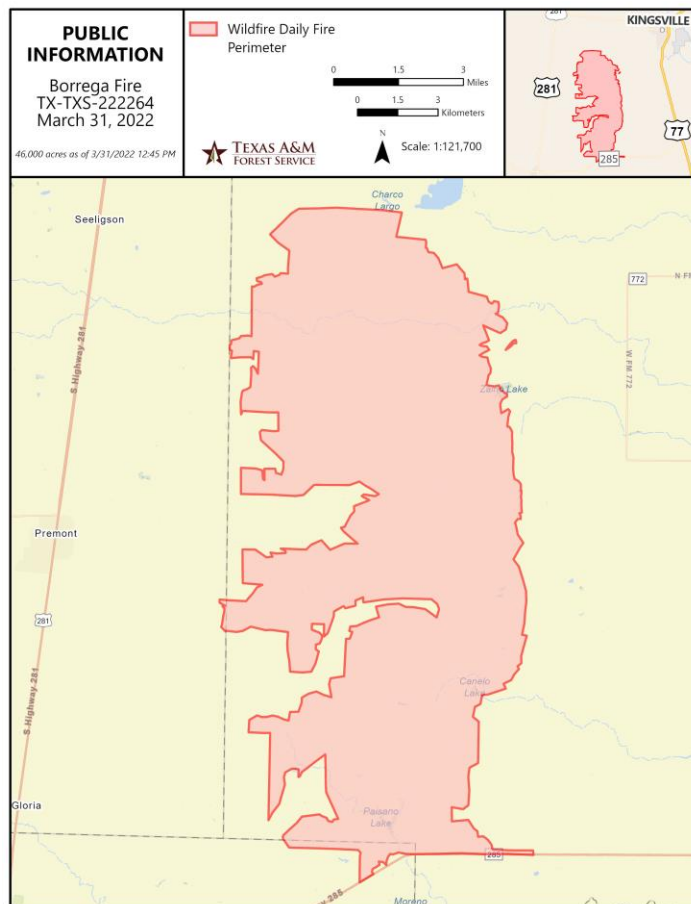
DDC 19 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Starr County: [Gun Smoke](#) – 425 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

Kleberg County: Borrega: 51,566 acres – 98% contained. The MEDL/WPU and ALS unit will be demobilized on Saturday, April 2.



DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties)

Maverick & Kinney Counties: Burr Ranch: 1,600 acres – 100% contained.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

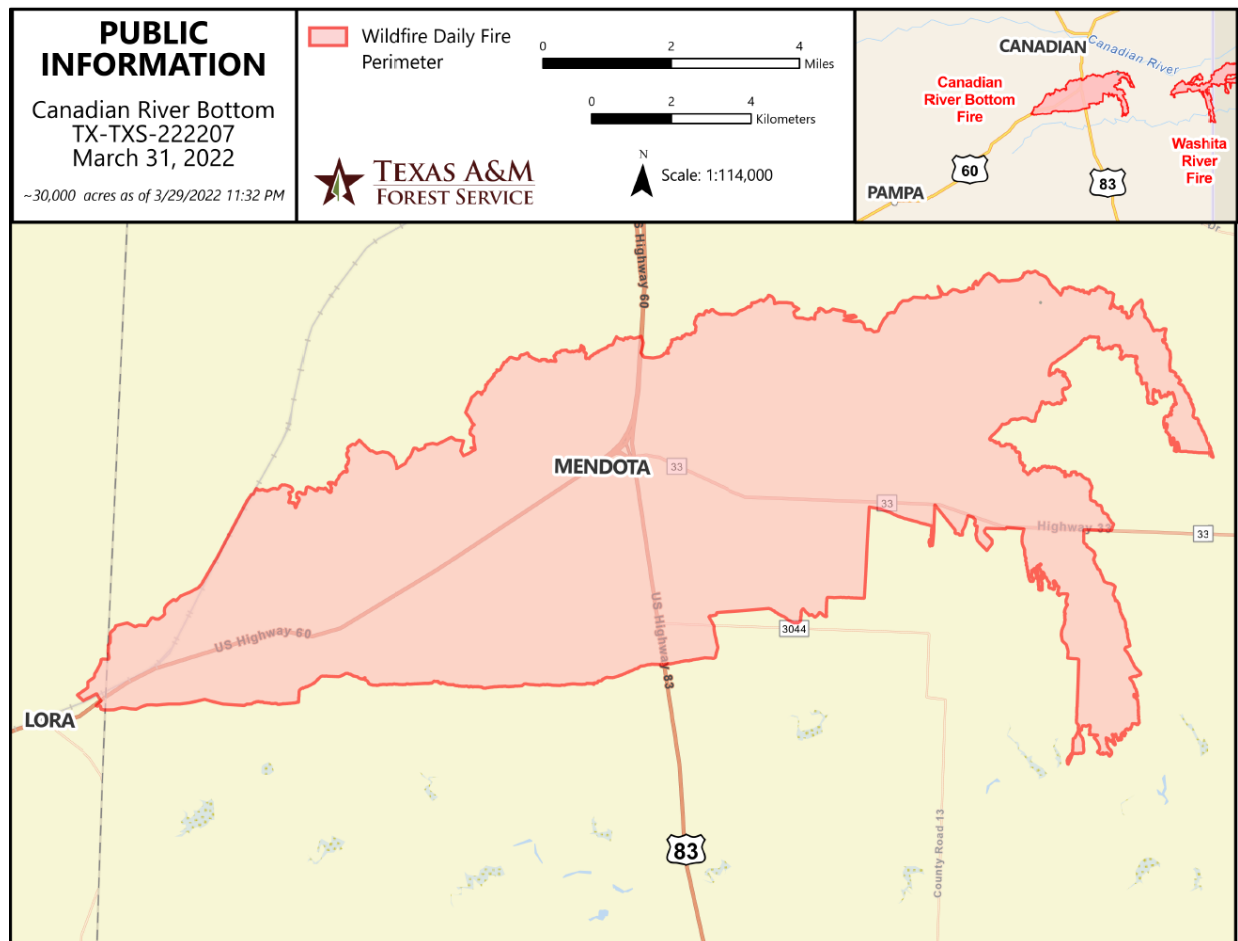
DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill,

Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

DDC 1 Amarillo activated to Level III at 10:00 AM on March 28.

Potter County: Saturday Fire – 13 acres 100% contained.

Roberts County: Canadian River Bottom: 39,568 acres – 100% contained.



Wheeler County: Dubbs Creek: 1,328 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 2 – Lubbock (Includes: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum Counties)

Crosby County: Red Mud: 2,033 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties).

DDC 7 remains at Readiness Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for wildfire activities.

Nolan County: [Adrian](#): 530 acres – 80% contained.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 18 – San Antonio (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties)

Medina County: [Das Goat](#): 1,092 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Coryell County: [Crittenburg Complex](#) – 33,175 acres – 100% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): ESF 2 is assessing possible requirements to support Eastland County and other areas heavily impacted by the wildfires. Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

TDEM Mass Care: State partners are supporting local jurisdictions from the wildfires. Partners are ready to respond to support local jurisdiction with staff and

materials pre-positioned around the state. Actively monitoring the weather situation and are prepared with national resources if needed.

TDEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL): Disaster non-profits and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters are actively deployed and supporting jurisdictions in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Activities for this event to include but not limited to disaster cleanup, heavy equipment and chainsaw teams, supply distribution, feeding and sheltering operations, emotional and spiritual care for communities and first responders, technology support, donations, and volunteer management. Planning meetings between local jurisdictions and disaster nonprofits for establishing Multi Agency Resource Centers are ongoing.

Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT):

The DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

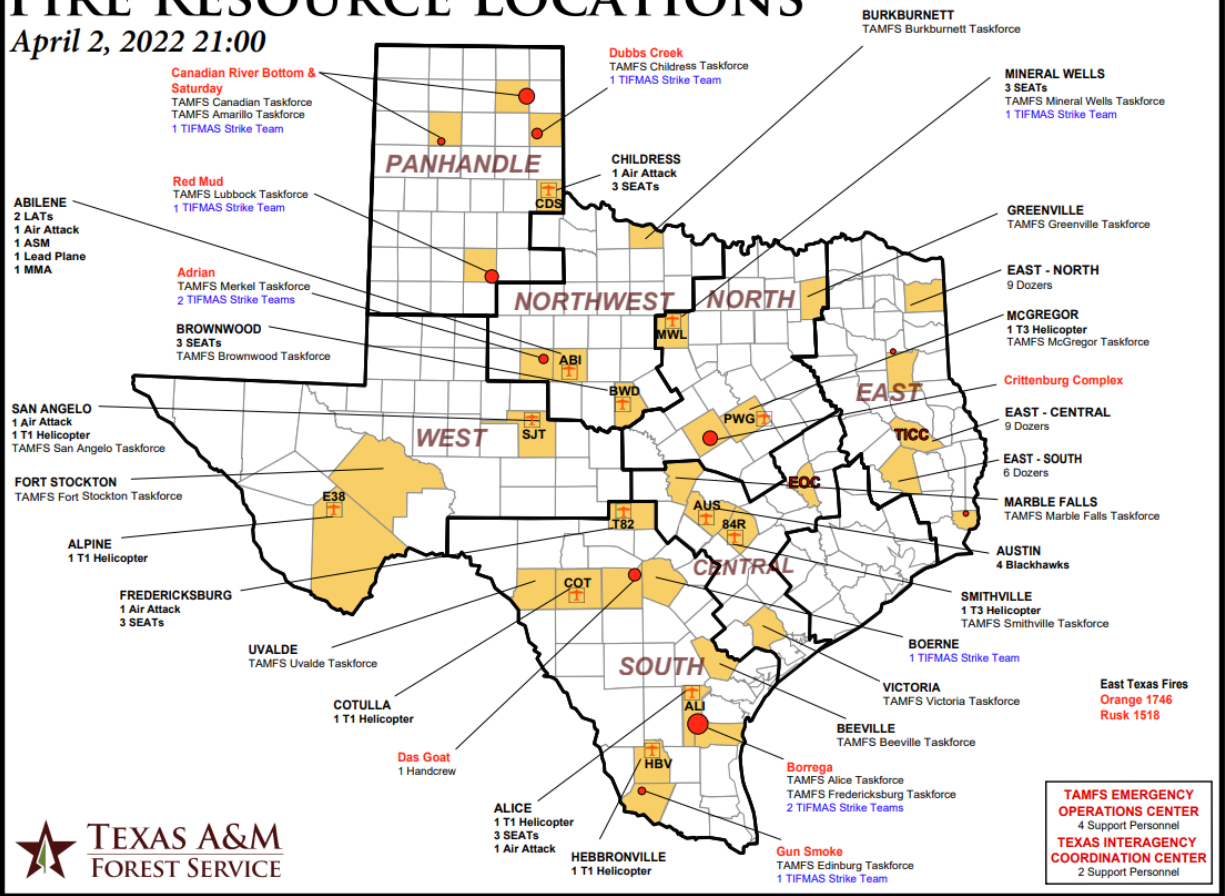
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (Agrilife): AgriLife continues to maintain situational awareness of wildfire incidents across the state and is monitoring needs at Animal Supply Points in the Eastland area and is also assessing the needs for a multi-county Animals Supply Point in the Kingsville area.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)/Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT): One TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel managing ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering at the Remote SOC in Austin.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): TAMFS received two new requests for support for wildfire suppression on Saturday April 2. Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

FIRE RESOURCE LOCATIONS

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has been tasked to provide two firefighting brush trucks. Game wardens have been requested to assist with evacuations in Medina County as a wildfire continues to burn in that area.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC continues to provide a liaison to the SOC and is monitoring for any outages or other issues with electricity providers. The PUC is responding to three fires east of Corpus Christi. Have identified 18 poles down in the Borrega pasture and have patrolled 75% of the feeder. The fire is still burning. Have identified six poles down in the Encino pasture and have patrolled 100% of the feeder. Restoring service where practical behind the fire(s).

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): TAHC continues to maintain situational awareness and will respond appropriately to any requests for assistance as they are received.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA): TDA continues to staff the Remote SOC as needed as part of the ESF-11 Team. The Hay Hotline is on hold but ready as needed to take hay donation calls or requests. Working with TAHC and AgriLife on livestock needs. STAR Funds accepting donations and requests for financial assistance. Emergency Management Team and Field Staff on alert to assist when and where needed.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF): DSHS EMTF continues to support the Canadian River Bottom fire with [1] (WLF) PKG, and [1] REM (ETFs 1, 2, and 11). [DSHS EMTF has activated \[2\] \(WLF\) PKG to support the Borrega fire.](#)

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): Fuel Support is being provided to the fire in Real County and the Canadian River Bottom Fire in Hemphill County. TxDOT is providing a water tender and staff for the Burr Ranch Fire in Kinney County. TxDOT is staffing the remote SOC.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): Region 6 THP San Antonio is providing personnel in Medina County to conduct roving patrol in the multiple subdivisions that were evacuated. Assisting with reentry by residents for the purpose of escorted damage assessment. Region 5 THP Eastland is providing security at the RSA in Eastland. THP personnel also providing roving/patrol security in Carbon.

Texas Military Department (TMD): On March 31, (2) UH-60 Blackhawks flew 16 hours and dropped 112 buckets for 73,920 gallons.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM DRTF	DRTF HQ Staff	2		Assigned	R-SOC

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Agrilife, TAMUS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
Agrilife TAMUS	AgriLife Agency Admin	3		Available	Virtual
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	4	2	Available	Eastland County
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	7		Available	Statewide
Agrilife, TAMUS	AgriLife Extension Strike Team Members	4		Available	Merkel
Agrilife TAMUS	Agrilife Extension Strike Team Members	3		Available	Eastland County
TAMFS	Large Air Tanker (LAT)		2	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (ASM)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Lead Plane		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Multi Mission Aircraft		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Alpine
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Childress
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Childress
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Fredericksburg

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Hebbronville Airport
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (Fire Boss)		3	Available	Mineral Wells
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	Smithville
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Cotulla Airport
TAMFS	TAMFS Taskforce	13 Taskforces		Available	Various
TAMFS	TAMFS Dozer Strike Team	2 STs		Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Dozer/Tractor Plow		23	Available	Various
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	50	10	Assigned	Adrian Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	25	5	Available	Edinburg
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	25	5	Assigned	Canadian River Bottom Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	25	5	Assigned	Dubbs Creek Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team ST	50	10	Assigned	Borrega Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	25	5	Available	Mineral Wells
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	25	5	Assigned	Red Mud Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team	25	5	Available	Boerne / IA
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Coordinators	2		Available	College Station & Merkel
TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TEEX/TX-PWRT	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	R-SOC

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TAHC	Central Office Staff/Agency Admin.	4	0	Available	Virtual
TAHC	Regional Management	18	0	Available	All Regions
TAHC	Field Personnel	6		Assigned	All Regions
DSHS EMTF	SOC Liaison	1		Available	R-SOC
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Pkg (1)	5		Activated	Canadian River Bottom Fire
DSHS EMTF	Rapid Extrication Module (REM)	1		Activated	Canadian River Bottom Fire
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Pkg (2)	10		Activated	Borrega Fire
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
RRC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	DDEOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Abilene
TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	Fuel Support	8		Assigned	Kinney, Real and Hemphill Counties
TxDOT	Light Towers		2	Assigned	Eastland County
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	R-SOC
TXDPS	Troopers	11	11	Assigned	Medina County
TXDPS	Sergeants	2	2	Assigned	Medina County
TXDPS	Troopers	6	6	Assigned	Eastland County
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	28	4	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of

Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:

<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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